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# ADDRESSES ON ABRAHAM LINCOLN

# Addresses on Lincoln for Special Groups

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**LINCOLN CONTACTS OF  
LOUIS A. WARREN**

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The personal history of a speaker, especially as it relates to the data he proposes to discuss, is of importance when one considers how atmosphere influences and vitalizes the presentation of a subject. Dr. Louis A. Warren has lived continuously in communities which have offered peculiar advantages for a sympathetic interpretation of Lincoln's life, and the documentary support which he has built up to confirm his many new and important discoveries gives a touch of authenticity to what he says.

**New England**

Dr. Warren's interest in the Lincoln family began in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he received his elementary education. The school he attended was situated on Lincoln Square, where a Dr. Abraham Lincoln had conducted an apothecary shop as early as 1784. Dr. Lincoln's brother, Levi Lincoln, who also lived in Worcester, was appointed Attorney-General in Thomas Jefferson's cabinet. When President Lincoln visited Worcester in 1848, he was entertained by Levi Lincoln, Jr., a governor of the State of Massachusetts. These Worcester Lincolns

and Abraham Lincoln were related, being descendants of Samuel Lincoln, of Hingham, Massachusetts. In this decidedly Lincoln atmosphere Dr. Warren spent his early years.

### **The South**

During the centennial year of Lincoln's birth, 1909, Dr. Warren entered Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, the oldest educational institution west of the Allegheny Mountains, and thereby identified himself with the state of Lincoln's nativity, Transylvania University is the alma mater of Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederacy. Mary Todd, later Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, received her early education in a school adjacent to the college campus.

In 1918 Dr. Warren became the editor of the "Larue County Herald" in Hodgenville, Kentucky, the town near which Abraham Lincoln was born. It was here he started his researches on the phases of Lincoln's early life. Three years later he moved to Elizabethtown, Kentucky, the first home of Lincoln's parents, and continued his investigations, copying thousands of court records relating to the Lincoln family in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Dr. Warren is the first historian to make a thorough documentary study of Lincoln's ancestry and early life. The publication of his book, "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood," caused him to be considered the foremost authority on this subject.

### **The West**

A residence of three years, not far from the Indiana country where Lincoln lived from the

time he was seven until he became of age, allowed Dr. Warren to interview many of the descendants of Abraham's contemporaries who still lived in the community. Later, encouraged by Senator Albert J. Beveridge, he took up his residence close to Indianapolis where he made an exhaustive study of the Indiana environment of the Lincolns as revealed in the archives of the State Capitol.

While pursuing this research Dr. Warren was engaged to lecture for the Indiana Lincoln Union, then attempting to raise funds for the erection of a memorial to Lincoln's mother. His speaking itinerary in Northern Indiana was under the direction of the President of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne, and through this contact Dr. Warren was made Director of The Lincoln National Life Foundation.

### **Fort Wayne**

The Foundation was established February 12, 1928, by the officers of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in appreciation of the Lincoln name, used by permission of President Lincoln's son.

Dr. Warren has been able to assemble in the Company's building what is believed to be the largest collection of literature ever assembled in one place about one man (biblical characters excepted). Through his energy and service, and with the aid of the Company's executives, Fort Wayne has become the center of Lincoln information in America.

The official publication of the Lincoln Foundation, "Lincoln Lore," a one-page weekly bulletin,

is now in its twenty-sixth year and is sent gratis to schools, libraries, and Lincoln students. Nearly one hundred books, pamphlets, and magazine articles on Abraham Lincoln have been written by Dr. Warren.

Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, which was established by General Howard at the suggestion of Lincoln, conferred upon Dr. Warren, in recognition of his exhaustive researches and contributions to Lincolniana, the degree of Doctor of Literature.

In summing up the accomplishments of his work, it may be truthfully said that no one individual has contributed more information concerning the early years of Lincoln's life than he has brought to light. This new information, much of it unpublished, has caused an entirely different approach to the study of the great Emancipator.

Dr. Warren devotes his entire time to gathering and publishing facts about the life of Lincoln. Due to his wealth of information and his ability as a public speaker, he is nationally known.

He was one of the small group of Lincoln students invited to participate in the program at the formal opening of The Lincoln Papers in the Library of Congress. Microfilm copies of the entire collection of 40,000 papers are now in the archives of the Foundation.

On the opposite page may be found names of a few of the more than 3000 organizations Dr. Warren has addressed, located in forty-four different states of the union.

## A Few of the Groups Dr. Warren Has Addressed

Advertising Clubs—Baltimore, Cincinnati, Des Moines, Indianapolis.  
American Legion—Akron, Denver, Fort Wayne, Madison, San Francisco, Toledo.

Bar Associations—Amarillo; Chicago; Des Moines; Detroit; Fort Wayne; Indianapolis; Kansas City, Mo.; New Orleans; San Francisco; Seattle.

Churches—First Baptist, Pittsburgh; First Christian, San Antonio; First Congregational, Madison; First Methodist, Amarillo; First Presbyterian, Atlantic City; Latter Day Saints, Phoenix; Rodeph Shalom Synagogue, Philadelphia; St. John's Catholic, Cleveland; Unitarian Church, Hingham, Mass.

Exchange Clubs—Akron, Cincinnati, Davenport, Detroit.

High Schools—Baltimore; Charleston; Charlotte, N. C.; Chicago; Cleveland; Davenport; Des Moines; El Paso; Hartford; Hollywood; Houston; Jersey City; Kansas City, Kan.; Kansas City, Mo.; Knoxville; Milwaukee; Newark; Oakland; Omaha; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Sacramento; St. Louis; Salt Lake City; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Shreveport.

Historical Societies—Chicago, Illinois State, Indiana State, Kentucky State, New England Genealogical, Ohio State.

Kiwanis Clubs—Chicago; Cleveland; Colorado Springs; Davenport; Des Moines; Detroit; Fort Worth; Gettysburg, Pa.; Hartford; Indianapolis; Los Angeles; Norfolk; Oakland; Omaha; Pittsburgh; San Francisco; Seattle Shreveport; Terre Haute.

Knights of Columbus—Canton, Detroit, Fort Wayne, Seattle.

Lincoln Clubs—Allentown; Davenport; Jersey City; Long Beach; Los Angeles; Portland, Ore.; San Francisco; Springfield.

Lion's Clubs—Baltimore; Bridgeport; Chicago; Dallas; Des Moines; Hollywood; Oakland; Oak Park; Phoenix; Portland, Ore.

Parochial High Schools—Amarillo, Austin, Beloit, Milwaukee, Oakland, Racine, St. Louis, Wilkes-Barre.

Radio Stations—Akron; Amarillo; Asheville, N. C.; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Davenport; Hartford; Iowa City; Kansas City, Mo.; Los Angeles; Newark; New Haven, Conn.; Oakland; Omaha; Philadelphia; Phoenix; Pittsburgh; Portland, Ore.; San Francisco; Seattle; Wichita.

Rotary Clubs—Austin; Baltimore; Charleston; Charlotte, N. C.; Chicago; Gettysburg, Pa.; Hingham, Mass.; Kansas City, Mo.; Los Angeles; New York; Salt Lake City; San Francisco; Santa Ana; South Bend; Vincennes.

Universities—Centenary College, Drake University, Fontbonne College, Loyola College, New Mexico Agricultural College, Omaha University, Park College, St. Thomas College, Texas University, University of Kansas City, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh, University of Washington.

Women's Clubs—Berkeley, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Hollywood, Indianapolis, Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City.

Y. M. H. A.—Detroit, Norfolk, Oakland, Philadelphia, St. Louis.

Y. M. C. A.—Baltimore, Hartford, St. Louis, Wilkes-Barre.

Miscellaneous Organizations—Altrusa, Athletic, Banker's, Boy Scouts, Boy's Club, Business and Professional Women, Business College, Cergonian, Civitan, Community Forum, Conopus, Co-operative, D. A. R., Economy, Electric, Elks, Exchange, Fortnightly, High Hatters, Holy Name, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Literary, Masonic, Meridian, Metro, Moose, Odd Fellows, One Hundred and One, Optimist, Quest, Quoto, Reciprocity, Round Table, Scimitar, State Legislature, Teachers' Association, Traffic, Twenty-Thirty, Underwriters.



## **SPEAKING APPOINTMENTS**

Information about Dr. Warren's speaking engagements may be obtained from any General Agent of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company or the Speaker's Bureau at the Home Office of the Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana.